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WASHINGTON, August 21, 1984 -- Orders for new freight cars totaled 607 in July, compared with 2,994 in June and 934 in July 1983, the Association of American Railroads and the American Railway Car Institute reported today.

Through the first seven months of this year, 11,046 cars have been ordered, compared with 3,564 at the same point a year ago.

Cars placed in service in July totaled 1,327, compared with 1,771 in June and 289 in July last year. Seven-month totals showed 6,315 deliveries this year, compared with 2,593 a year earlier.

As of August 1, the backlog of cars on order but undelivered was 6,821 cars, compared with 7,267 on July 1, and 3,968 on August 1, 1983. Average monthly backlog so far this year is 6,525, compared with 4,310 at the same time last year.

Meanwhile, the AAR reported that 93 locomotives were placed in service in July, compared with 60 in June and 11 in July 1983.

As of August 1, the backlog of locomotives on order but undelivered was 159, compared with 202 on July 1, and 167 on August 1 a year ago.

Taking retirements into account, the fleet of owned and leased diesel-electric locomotives on August 1 totaled 24,857, compared with 24,858 on July 1 and 26,249 on August 1, 1983.

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FREIGHT CARS AND LOCOMOTIVES ORDERED AND DELIVERED
AND BACKLOG OF ORDERS
ALL RAILROADS AND PRIVATE CAR LINES

DELIVERED

	July		June	Seven Months	
	1984	1983	1984	1984	1983
Built New by Car Builders	1,327	260	1,771	6,315	2,364
Built New in R.R. Shops	0	0	0	0	200
Built New - Total	1,327	260	1,771	6,315	2,564
Rebuilt	0	29	0	0	29
TOTAL DELIVERED	1,327	289	1,771	6,315	2,593
Locomotives	93	11	60	284	136

ORDERED

To be built New by Car Builders	607	934	2,744	10,796	3,461
To be built New in R.R. Shops	0	0	250	250	3
To be built New - Total	607	934	2,994	11,046	3,464
To be rebuilt	0	0	0	0	100
TOTAL ORDERED	607	934	2,994	11,046	3,564

ON ORDER AND UNDELIVERED

	August 1		July 1	Average	
	1984	1983	1984	1984	1983
To be built New by Car Builders	6,571	3,894	7,017	6,454	4,232
To be built New in R.R. Shops	250	3	250	71	39
To be built New - Total	6,821	3,897	7,267	6,525	4,271
To be rebuilt	0	71	0	0	39
TOTAL ON ORDER	*6,821	3,968	7,267	6,525	4,310
Locomotives	159	167	202	157	110

*Increase in the August 1, 1984 backlog due to revision in tank car estimates.

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